

whither this Convention had the best grounds to believe he would go by the first opportunity. Nor can the address alluded to in the said resolution of the Convention of Virginia, in the opinion of this Convention, be considered as enabling, nor was it meant to enable governor Eden to assume the character of a public agent, nor can this Convention discover how the said governor would thereby be enabled to promote divisions and disunion amongst the colonies; but the same was presented as a testimony due to the governor of the sense this Convention entertained of his fair and impartial representations of the principles, motives, and views of the people of this colony, so far as the same had come to their knowledge.

That altho' this Convention was sensible that in the absence of the governor the government in its old form would devolve to the president or the council of state, and altho' such president should be under equal obligations with the governor to perform the ministerial mandates, yet was the Convention fully satisfied that it would not be equally, if at all, in the power of the president to perform such mandates; and therefore this Convention cannot but consider the imputing their proceedings "to some undue influence of governor Eden under the mask of friendship to America, and of the proprietary interest in Maryland," as groundless and unjust; nor is this Convention able to discover how their vote for the departure of governor Eden from this province could have any evil tendency to the common cause, or to Virginia in particular.

That as the Convention of Virginia hath by their said resolution appealed to the good people of this province against their Convention, and by their publication of the said resolve hath endeavoured to injure this Convention in the good opinion of the united colonies at large, it became the indispensable duty of this, tho' they are anxiously desirous to cultivate union and harmony with their sister colonies, thus to vindicate their proceedings, and those of the Council of Safety, which this Convention did approve of, against the groundless and unjust imputations contained in the said resolution of the Convention of Virginia, and conscious of the uprightness of their own intentions, and the rectitude of the measures they adopted, do wholly deny, and can cheerfully join in the appeal to their constituents, and to all men acquainted with the affairs of Maryland, against the charge of proprietary influence.

On reading the resolutions relative to the resolve of the Convention of Virginia, the question was put, That the words, *and do*, in the last resolve, between the word *did* and the word *approve* be struck out of the said resolve? Resolved in the affirmative.

# For the A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Jordan,	Smith,	Carroll of Carr.	Hall,
Barnes,	Allein,	Griffith,	Darlam,	
Hawkins,	Sim,	Beatty,	Gilpin,	
Hooe,	Bell,	B. Johnson,	Ewing,	
Harrison,	Consee,	Moale,	Lethrbury,	
Mackall,	S. Chase,	Tolley,	Done.	

# For the N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Somerville,	Thompson,	Earle,	Mason,
T. Johnson,	Ringgold,	Murray,	Bishop,	
Love,	Hodgday,	Richardson,	J. Dainiell.	
Veazey,	Tho. Wright,			

RESOLVED,